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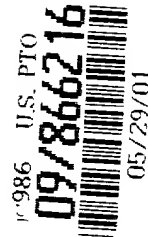
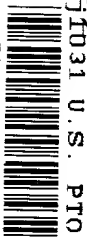
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: New Patent Application to be filed under 35 U S C par 119 claiming the priority of
European Patent application No 01 106 990.3 filed 21/03/2001.

Docket No NI 132

Inventor Wilhelm Heine, Dr Ralph Gunther

Title: APPARATUS FOR FILTERING AND SEPARATING FLUIDS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Date: 05/24/01

Washington D C 20231

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR NEW PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 35 U S C -111

Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith the following documents relating to the above-identified case

1. Specification including 16 pages with 15 claims, 4 pages of drawings
2. Declaration and Power of Attorney
3. Assignment and Recordation Form Cover Sheet
4. Certified copy of EP application No 01 106 990 3
5. A return postcard for acknowledgement of receipt

Small Entity Status is claimed.

The filing fee of \$ 355 -- should be charged to deposit account No. 500465

Respectfully submitted,

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